



# Guide to Grants

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Proudly Representing Alabama's 7th Congressional District



July 13, 2012

Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Alabama. One of the most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with information about funding opportunities. Now more than ever, grant opportunities are vital to the success of our local governments, organizations and other entities. This weekly guide will identify federal and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This Guide will include links to grant writing resources to help you make your proposals more successful. This Guide will also describe new funding opportunities for economic development, infrastructure, healthcare and educational projects as example. In addition, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Please let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

For more information, please visit the website at <http://sewell.house.gov/> and you can subscribe to *Guide to Grants* at: <http://sewell.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter> or call 202-225-2665. Previous editions of the Guide to Grants are archived at <http://sewell.house.gov/guide-grants>.

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**Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell to Host Greene County  
“Congress in Your Community” Town Hall Meeting**

EUTAW, AL – On Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) will host a “Congress in Your Community” town hall meeting in Eutaw to provide an opportunity for residents of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to share their views and concerns. Rep. Sewell will also give an update on the latest in Congress.

**What:** “Congress in Your Community” Town Hall Meeting

**When:** Friday July 13, 2012

**Time:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Greene County Courthouse  
400 Morrow Ave.  
Eutaw, AL 35462



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# JOB FAIR

## 2012

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

*Wednesday, August 8th  
10 a.m. to 3p.m.*

*BJCC, East Exhibition Hall  
2100 Richard Arrington Blvd. North  
Birmingham, AL 35203*

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### Featuring 3 Workshops at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

- **Career Development**
- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Workforce Training**

July 11, 2012

## **Statement by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Regarding Voting Against the House Agriculture Committee H.R. 6083, The Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2012**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting against the House Agriculture Committee H.R 6083, The Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2012:

“Today, I voted against H.R. 6083, a bill that will have devastating consequences for more than 920,000 participants in the state of Alabama who depend on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Last year, my district was ranked the 5th hungriest district in America. SNAP has saved millions of lives and currently provides essential support to over 165,000 individuals in my district in Alabama alone.

This measure proposes a \$16.5 billion cut in SNAP benefits, leaving more than 2 million low-income people without food assistance and over 280,000 low-income children without access to their free school meals. This is unconscionable! This harsh cut would disproportionately affect low-income seniors, people with disabilities and working-poor families with children.

While there is no dispute that we must make difficult budgetary decisions as our nation recovers from the worst economic recession since the Great Depression; however, we cannot do it at the expense of our most vulnerable – children and seniors. Many families and their children depend on these government assistance programs that allow them to put food on their tables and make ends meet. Now is not the time to turn our backs on American families.

I remain committed to working together with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in Congress on passing a comprehensive farm bill that supports our nation’s struggling families, low-income women, children and farmers.”

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July 11, 2012

## **Statement by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Regarding Voting Against the Patients' Rights Repeal Act**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting against H.R. 6079 Patients' Rights Repeal Act:

“Today marked the 31st time House Republicans have voted to take away healthcare benefits instead of focusing on job creation and economic growth. With only thirteen legislative days left before summer recess, it is deeply disappointing that we must put up with this political charade that puts the health and welfare of millions of Americans in jeopardy. Frankly, the American people deserve better and my constituents expect more.

The Affordable Care Act has been passed by both the House and Senate, signed by the President and now upheld as constitutional by the highest court in the land. The American people would be better served if Congress joined the President in working to build on the healthcare reform, rather than undoing it. The fact is, the Affordable Care Act is already providing millions of Americans access to quality healthcare benefits and protections.

In the 7th Congressional District of Alabama alone, 36,000 children with pre-existing health conditions can no longer be denied coverage by their health insurers. 4,700 seniors now pay less for prescription drugs. 90,000 adults and 19,000 children will have health insurance that covers preventative care services and 6,800 young adults will continue to have access to health insurance through their parent's coverage.

In this difficult economy, where Americans are working harder for less and struggling to provide for their families, the last thing they can afford to lose is their healthcare benefits. Rather than continuing these divisive politics, we must work together to put people to work and strengthen the middle class. I remained committed to ensuring all Americans continue to have access to quality affordable healthcare.

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June 28, 2012

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Regarding Decision to Walk Out on Partisan Attempt to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in Contempt**

WASHINGTON DC, - Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement on her decision to walk out with the members of the Congressional Black Caucus and Democratic Caucus in response to the House Resolution contempt votes against U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder:

“Today’s contempt votes were yet another example of partisan politics and an attempt by House Republicans to discredit the Obama Administration. I could not, in good conscience, participate in such deception and disservice to the American people. To simply vote against the House Resolution does not adequately demonstrate the outrage and disdain that I feel about this unfair and woefully political vote.

I am deeply troubled by this partisan attempt to distract the American people from the critical issues facing our nation. With only 17 legislative days left before summer recess, Congress should be focused on legislation that promotes job creation, protects low interest student loans and invests in our country’s infrastructure.

The House Resolutions to hold the Attorney General in criminal and civil contempt reflect an abuse of power by House Republicans on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. This unprecedented action by House Republicans disregards the fact that there is no evidence that AG Holder authorized, condoned, or knew about gunwalking. Nor has AG Holder lied to Congress or engaged in any cover-up. On the contrary, the Attorney General has willingly complied with the Committee’s request and submitted over 8,000 documents, including all the documents related to the investigation. While I support a full and thorough investigation, this process has been tainted by partisan politics.

Given the economic challenges facing the country, it is my hope that Congress will get back to the work of the American people and stop with the political gamesmanship.”

***“Non-cooperation with evil is as much a duty as is cooperation with good.” -Gandhi***

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June 28, 2012

## **Statement by Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Regarding the Supreme Court Ruling to Uphold the Affordable Care Act**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement in response to the Supreme Court’s ruling to uphold the Affordable Care Act:

“I am delighted that the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the landmark Affordable Care Act. This is a monumental victory for the American people and our country. Today’s ruling confirms what I have always believed that healthcare in America should be a *right* and not a privilege. I applaud President Obama’s leadership and steadfast commitment to improving the lives of our families, children and seniors.

As a result of today’s decision, millions of Americans will continue to have access to healthcare benefits and protections, which are so critical to the welfare and economic stability of our nation. Because of the Affordable Care Act, Americans will no longer have to live in fear of being denied healthcare coverage because of pre-existing conditions. Millions of young people across our nation will be able to stay on their parent’s insurance plans, seniors will continue paying less for their prescription drugs, and women and children will have access to vital preventative care. 33 million uninsured Americans can expect to receive quality affordable healthcare insurance without having to make the difficult choice between providing for their families or getting necessary medical treatment.

By affirming the Affordable Care Act, the 7th Congressional District of Alabama will continue to benefit from healthcare reform. In our district, 36,000 children with pre-existing health conditions can no longer be denied coverage by their health insurers, 90,000 adults and 19,000 children will have health insurance that covers preventative care services and 6,800 young adults will continue to have access to health insurance through their parent’s coverage.

I remain committed to working with President Obama and my colleagues to ensure that all Americans continue to have access to quality affordable healthcare.”

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## Recent Grant Awards

- **July 10, 2012** – Capital Trailways Bus is awarded \$2,011,553 through DOT/FTA for the 5311 (f) grant that assists private companies to get back into rural bus service. The grant impacts Dallas County, Tuscaloosa, Clarke and Wilcox Counties in the 7<sup>th</sup> District.
- **June 22, 2012** – Rural Health Medical Program in Dallas County is awarded \$650,000 by DHHS for a new rural health medical clinic to be located in Selma and it will also serve surrounding areas.
- **June 19, 2012** – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$10 Million in TIGER Grant Funding to the City of Birmingham for “Road to Recovery” Project
- **June 2012** - Rural Health Medical Program in Selma awarded \$650,000 from DHHS. This money will be used to convert the existing administrative location into a primary care practice that will offer primary care, OB-GYN care, and dental services.
- **May 30, 2012** – Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP); ATRIP is an ALDOT administered federal aid highway program that funds up to 80% of the construction of important roadway projects. For the 7<sup>th</sup> District, \$12,137,994.78 is awarded that includes:
  - Choctaw County awarded \$240,958.37;
  - Clarke County awarded \$3,920,000.00;
  - Dallas County awarded \$245,366.40 & Dallas County also awarded \$479,636.00 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> project;
  - Greene County awarded \$1,054,952.00;
  - Jefferson County awarded: Bessemer awarded \$1,154,388.00; Bham awarded \$2,555,917.60;
  - Perry County awarded \$360,404.67;
  - Pickens County awarded \$744,447.78;
  - Sumter County awarded \$121,000.00 & \$269,515.20;
  - Tuscaloosa awarded \$540,000.00 & Tuscaloosa awarded \$811,813.43 for 2<sup>nd</sup> project.
- **May 23, 2012** – The DOL awards The Dannon Project in Birmingham \$1,212,000 for Reintegration of Ex-Offender program.

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## Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

- To learn about Federal grant opportunities, register your organization and receive notices, please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply\\_for\\_grants.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp)
- To learn about foundation grant opportunities, please visit <http://foundationcenter.org/>. The Foundation Center is a gateway to information about private funding sources and provides guidelines about how to write a grant proposal. It also provides links to state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites.

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## Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

### National Endowment for the Humanities

**Program:** **NEW - America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Planning Grants**

**Description:** America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Grants support the following formats: exhibitions at museums, libraries, and other venues; interpretations of historic places, sites, or regions; book/film discussion programs; living history presentations; and other face-to-face programs at libraries, community centers, and other public venues; and interpretive websites. The deadline is August 15, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/americas-historical-and-cultural-organizations-planning-grants>

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**Program:** **NEW - America's Historical and Cultural Organizations: Implementation Grants**

**Description:** America's Historical and Cultural Organizations grants provide support for museums, libraries, historic places, and other organizations that produce public programs in the humanities. Grants support the following formats: exhibitions at museums, libraries, and other venues; interpretations of historic places, sites, or regions; book/film discussion programs; living history presentations; and other face-to-face programs at

libraries, community centers, and other public venues; and interpretive websites. The deadline is August 15, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/public/americas-historical-and-cultural-organizations-implementation-grants>

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## **National Science Foundation**

**Program:** **NEW - Partnerships for Innovation: Building Innovation Capacity**

**Description:** Building Innovation Capacity (PFI: BIC) starts with an existing sound scientific and/or engineering-based research discovery that can be translated to market-valued solutions through a partnership between academe and small technology-based businesses. The funds will provide support to an academic institution to partner with at least two small technology-based businesses that are not in direct competition with each other to carry out early translational-research activities.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=P0DKP11hxxJpmf2Lmr94mWlnn27hMTxjxLZtkfgjn6W9hLJxJK88!-522510686?oppId=181953&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Program:** **NEW - Food Security Learning Center**

**Description:** The Food Security Learning Center should be designed to create and maintain a national, web-based clearinghouse of information on community food security concerns and common community problems related to the underlying causes of hunger and poverty, including the loss of farms and ranches, rural poverty, welfare dependency, hunger, food access issues, the need for job training, and the need for self-sufficiency by individuals and communities.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=P0DKP11hxxJpmf2Lmr94mWlnn27hMTxjxLZtkfgjn6W9hLJxJK88!-522510686?oppId=182413&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW- Rural Cooperative Development Grants**

**Description:** USDA is offering Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG) to non-profit corporations and institutions of higher education to conduct feasibility studies, create and implement business plans, and help businesses develop new markets for their products and services. One-year grants up to \$175,000 are available. In most cases, grants may be used to pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of establishing and operating rural cooperative development centers.

**Website:**

[http://fundbook.org/rural-cooperative-development-grants-rcdg/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=rural-cooperative-development-grants-rcdg](http://fundbook.org/rural-cooperative-development-grants-rcdg/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=rural-cooperative-development-grants-rcdg)

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**Program:** **Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG)**

**Description:** The primary objective of the RBOG program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. The deadline is August 6, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JhjmPQLBpTqC91cPKIJhvT2bwLH2QzQshT6fhy1pHrJQvt2T0QMQ!-1255049606?oppId=174953&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **USDA Rural Public Safety Agency Grant and Loan Program**

**Description:** The Rural Housing Community Facilities Program offers direct and guaranteed loans and grants designed to finance and facilitate the development of over 80 different types of essential community facilities serving rural areas. These facilities include, but are not limited to, hospitals, elderly care facilities, child care centers, fire and rescue stations, vocational and medical rehabilitation centers, schools, and public transportation infrastructure.

**Website:**

<http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/1854312-USDA-Rural-Public-Safety-Agency-Grant-and-Loan-Program/>

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## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

**Program:** **FY 2012 Disaster Relief Opportunity**

**Description:** Through this Disaster Relief Opportunity, EDA intends to award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress as a result of natural disasters that were declared as major Federal disasters between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. The EAA program provides recipients with flexible tools to develop and implement regionally based long term economic development strategies in response to major federally declared disasters. The deadline is March 27, 2015.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=td13PzLK6gJdBqwnMjvpjLHLpthW6491Wk2FHGwKtGRMphNbRQYh!-213555334?oppId=159393&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Education**

**Program:** **NEW - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Program CFDA Number 84.215G**

**Description:** The U.S. Department of Education (Department) intends to support innovative programs that promote early literacy for young children, motivate older children to read, and increase student achievement by using school libraries, distributing free books to children and their families, and offering high-quality literacy activities. Many schools and districts across the Nation do not have school libraries that deliver high-quality literacy programming to children and their families.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=L0xyP14Qzc11L0pF21H222VGKRdyPISVTjhsspFfWKLh3nJRM4tB!-1102048417?oppId=183113&mode=VIEW>

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## U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

**Program:** **NEW - Affordable Care Act - Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program**

**Description:** The purpose of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Competitive Grant program is to award Development Grants to States that currently have modest home visiting programs and want to build on existing efforts.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=P0DKP11hxxJpmf2Lmr94mWlnn27hMTxjxLZtkfgjn6W9hLJxJK88!-522510686?oppId=182535&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Social and Behavioral Interventions to Increase Solid Organ Donation**

**Description:** The overall goal of this grant program is to reduce the gap between the demand for organ transplants and the supply of organs from deceased donors by identifying successful strategies that can serve as model interventions to increase deceased organ donation.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=P0DKP11hxxJpmf2Lmr94mWlnn27hMTxjxLZtkfgjn6W9hLJxJK88!-522510686?oppId=182534&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - National Organizations for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion: CDC-RFA-DP10-1008**

**Description:** The purpose of the program is to plan, coordinate, and facilitate public health activities related to chronic disease prevention and health promotion (focusing on the National Center For Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion's priority areas and goals), and environmental health.

**Website:**

[http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=L0xyP14Qzcl1L0pF21H222VGKRdyPI\\_SVTjhsspFfWKLh3nJRM4tB!-1102048417?oppId=183393&mode=VIEW](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=L0xyP14Qzcl1L0pF21H222VGKRdyPI_SVTjhsspFfWKLh3nJRM4tB!-1102048417?oppId=183393&mode=VIEW)

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**Program:** **NEW - Research on Children in Military Families: The Impact of Parental Military Deployment and Reintegration on Child and Family Functioning**

**Description:** The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage interdisciplinary conferences and meetings to examine critical questions regarding the impact of parental military deployment, combat-related stress and reintegration with the family on child social and affective development outcomes as well as on family functioning.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=P0DKP11hxxJpmf2Lmr94mWlnn27hMTxjxLZtkfgjn6W9hLJxJK88!-522510686?oppId=181833&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **PPHF 2012: Community Transformation Grants - Small Communities Programs financed solely by 2012 Prevention and Public Health Funds**

**Description:** The overarching purpose of this program is to prevent heart attack, stroke, cancer, diabetes and other leading chronic disease causes of death or disability through implementation of a variety of evidence based programs, policies, and infrastructure improvements to promote healthy lifestyles in small communities that improve health and health behaviors among an intervention population. The deadline is July 31, 2012.

**Websites:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=JdJgPHJTqGL2pyxvqMb6MVn9Ss9pnrNgwjyQqdKITvd0PkjpwWnf!2145627009?oppId=173114&mode=VIEW>

<http://fundbook.org/community-transformation-grants-small-communities/>

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## **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

**Program:** **NEW - Staffing For Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grants (SAFER)**

**Description:** SAFER Grant Opens July 16<sup>th</sup> !! The SAFER Get Ready Guide can assist you to be prepared for the application questions.

**Website:** <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/>  
<http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/safer/index.shtm>

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## **U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Program:** **NEW - NAWCA U.S. Small Grants**

**Description:** The U.S. Small Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

**Website:**  
<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=L0xyP14Qzcl1L0pF21H222VGKRdyPISVTjhsspFfWKLh3nJRM4tB!-1102048417?oppId=182853&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Labor**

**Program:** **NEW - Susan Harwood Training Grant Program, FY 2012 - Capacity Building Development Grants**

**Description:** The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) awards funds to nonprofit organizations to provide training and educational programs for workers and/or employers. Nonprofit organizations, including qualifying labor unions, community-based and faith-based organizations and employer associations, that are not an agency of a state or local government, are eligible to apply.

**Website:**  
<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=P0DKP11hxxJpmf2Lmr94mWlnn27hMTxjxLZtkfgjn6W9hLJxJK88!-522510686?oppId=183174&mode=VIEW>

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### Section III      **PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS**

**Program:**            **NEW - Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent  
Childhood Obesity**

**Description:**      The program supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among lower-income and racial and ethnic populations at highest risk for obesity. The deadline is August 9, 2012.

**Website:**            <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21393>

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**Program:**            **NEW - SCA Environmental Education Grants**

**Description:**      Schools in select areas are invited to apply for SCA Tissue North America's Environmental Education Grant Program. Each project is eligible for up to \$2,500 and schools may apply for multiple projects. Apply by July 27, 2012.

**Website:**  
<http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.115.37934&tid=85010>

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**Program:**            **NEW - American Honda Foundation Grants**

**Description:**      The American Honda Foundation awards grants of up to \$75,000 to youth education programs focused on STEM and the environment. Apply by August 1, 2012.

**Website:**  
<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=22786.0.0.37934>

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**Program:** **NEW - Nutro Company Announces Grant Program for Community Dog Parks**

**Description:** The Nutro Company, a manufacturer of pet food products, is inviting applications for the third annual Room to Run Dog Park Appreciation Project, a grant program designed to support dog parks and off-leash areas serving communities in the United States. The program will award thirty grants of \$2,000 on a rolling basis (through October 2012) to help fund enhancement efforts in public, nonprofit dog parks. Examples of funded enhancements include general repairs and maintenance (e.g., painting benches, repairing fences), installation of new agility equipment, landscaping, updates to water system, and creation of a poop bag center.

**Website:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=1BAWBVLNP5PJRLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=384500012](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=1BAWBVLNP5PJRLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=384500012)

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**Program:** **NEW - Nominations Open for Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Awards**

**Description:** The Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Award encourages library users in the United States to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, K-12, college, community college, and university librarians. Administered by the American Library Association, with support from Carnegie Corporation of New York and the *New York Times*, the program seeks nominations that describe how a librarian is improving the lives of people in a community, school, or campus.

**Website:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=1BAWBVLNP5PJRLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=384700014](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=1BAWBVLNP5PJRLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=384700014)

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**Program:** **NEW - Applications Invited for National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group Grant Program**

**Description:** In recognition of the important role refuge friends organizations play in building critical community support for the United States Fish and

Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, along with its partners, is requesting grant proposals for projects that help these organizations be effective co-stewards of important natural resources within the National Wildlife Refuge System.

**Website:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=1BAWBVLNP5PJRLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=383900027](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=1BAWBVLNP5PJRLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=383900027)

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## **Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / LOANS/ INTERNSHIPS**

### **Alabama Student Grant Program (ASGP)**

This is a state program that offers grants of approximately \$360 per year to full-time undergraduate students who are legal residents of Alabama who are attending approved independent colleges or universities within the state of Alabama.

**Website:** <http://www.collegescholarships.org/states/alabama.htm>

### **Alabama Scholarships**

**Website:** <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/alabama-scholarships/>

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### **Alabama Student Loan Program**

Learn the facts about Alabama's designated guarantor of Federal Family Education Loan Programs

**Website:**

<http://www.alabama.gov/portal/secondary.jsp?id=educationResources>

### **Get Help Paying for College with Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

**Website:** <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

### **Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs**

**Website:** <http://www.collegescholarships.org/states/alabama.htm>

### **Fast Web**

**Website:** <http://www.fastweb.com/>

### **Merit Aid**

<http://www.meritaid.com/meritScholarships/Alabama-State-University-100724>

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## Section V RESOURCES

### Job Seeker Websites:

**Alabama Job Link**- your no fee source for posting and finding jobs in Alabama. Whether you're looking for the right job or the right employee, Alabama JobLink is for you!

Website: <https://joblink.alabama.gov/ada/>

Website: <http://jobs.monster.com/l-alabama.aspx>

Website: <http://www.job.com/my.job/btsup/us=6049/?param2=Alabama>

### Loans and Grants Search Tool

To help you identify what government financing programs may be available to help you start or expand your business, use the “Loans and Grants Search Tool”

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/loans-and-grants>

### Small Business Administration Start Up Loan Programs

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants/small-business-loans/sba-loan-programs>

### Young Entrepreneurs: Here's Your Essential Guide to Start Your Own Business Website:

<http://www.sba.gov>

### Veteran & Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses

If you are a veteran or service-disabled veteran, SBA has resources to help you start and grow your small business. From creating a business plan to finding your first customer, SBA is here to help you succeed.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/sba-direct/article/3627>

### Starting a Business: Choosing a Location & Equipment

When it comes to real estate, the saying is true: “Location, location, location.” **Where** you open for business can have a huge impact on your success. Be sure that you're in compliance with property lease terms and zoning ordinances. Likewise, be sure to understand your options when it comes to buying or leasing equipment, or purchasing government surplus.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/starting-managing-business/starting-business/establishing-business/choosing-location-equipment>

### A Helping Hand from Congress: Congressional support for local funding requests

Website: <http://fundbook.org/a-helping-hand-from-congress/>

### About PoliceGrantsHelp.com

PoliceGrantsHelp.com provides members of the first responder community with a comprehensive resource for Police Grants information and assistance. PoliceGrantsHelp.com features the most extensive law enforcement grant database ever created, with a library of information not only for federal grant programs, but also state, local and corporate grant opportunities.

**Website:** <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants101/>

Alabama Open Grants: <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/byState/23/>

**The Fund Book** – These are open grants programs which are of interest to local governments

**Website:** <http://fundbook.org/>

### **Community Action Agencies of Alabama**

**Website:**

<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/CSBG/Document%20Library/Copy%20of%20Community%20Action%20Agency%20List0409.pdf>

### **Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund**

**Website:** <http://www.hardesthitlabama.com/>

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## **REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA**

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments

P.O. Box 2603

Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662

Phone: 256.389.0500

Fax: 256.389.0599

Executive Director: Keith Jones

Visit the Web site of Region 1 - <http://nacolg.com/>

West Alabama Regional Commission

4200 Highway 69 North

Northport, Alabama 35473-3505

Phone: 205.333.2990

Fax: 205.333.2713

Executive Director: Robert B. Lake

Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200

Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Phone: 205.251.8139

Fax: 205.328.3304

Executive Director: Charles Ball

Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

P.O. Box 2186

Anniston, Alabama 36202

Phone: 256.237.6741  
Fax: 256.237.6763  
Executive Director: Bill Curtis  
Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission  
5900 Carmichael Place  
Montgomery, Alabama 36117  
Phone: 334.244.6903  
Fax: 334.270.0038  
Executive Director: Tyson Howard  
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission  
107 Broad Street  
Camden, Alabama 36726  
Phone: 334.682.4234  
Fax: 334.682.4205  
Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs  
Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
P.O. Box 1406  
Dothan, Alabama 36302  
Phone: 334.794.4093  
Fax: 334.794.3288  
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon  
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpdc/searpdc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission  
P.O. Box 1665  
Mobile, Alabama 36633  
Phone: 251.433.6541  
Fax: 251.433.6009  
Executive Director: Russ Wimberly  
Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission  
125 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
Phone: 334.262.4300  
Fax: 334.262.6976  
Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments  
2207 Gateway Drive  
Opelika, Alabama 36801  
Phone: 334.749.5264  
Fax: 334.749.6582  
Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette  
Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
P.O. Box C  
Decatur, Alabama 35601  
Phone: 256.355.4515  
Fax: 256.351.1380  
Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews  
Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
5075 Research Drive, NW  
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912  
Phone: 256.830.0818  
Fax: 256.830.0843  
Executive Director: Robert B. Culver  
Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA**

Please visit <http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/community%20foundations/al.htm>

Autauga Area Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334-264-6223  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: [www.aacinfo.org](http://www.aacinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County  
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, AL 36601  
Phone: 251-438-5591

Contact: Linnette Clausman  
Website: [www.communityendowment.com](http://www.communityendowment.com)

Black Belt Community Foundation  
609 Lauderdale Street  
Selma, AL 36701-4555  
Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131  
Contact: Felecia L. Jones, Executive Director  
Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/>

The Greater Brewton Foundation  
P.O. Box 87  
Brewton, AL 36427  
Phone: (251) 867-4881  
Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama  
P. O. Box 36202  
Anniston, Alabama 36202  
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161  
Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO  
Email: [etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org](mailto:etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
For general information: [info@yourcommunityfirst.org](mailto:info@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: <http://www.cacfinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334-264-6223  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: [www.eccfinfo.org](http://www.eccfinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham  
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576  
Contact: Kate Nielsen, President  
Email: [knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto:knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org)

For general information: [info@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto:info@foundationbirmingham.org)  
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur  
P.O. Box 2003  
Decatur, AL 35602  
Phone: 256-353-5312  
Contact: Arthur W. Orr  
Website: [www.cfogd.org](http://www.cfogd.org)

The Community Foundation of Huntsville  
659 Gallatin Street  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
Phone: 256-564-7430  
Contact: Lynne Berry, President  
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 578  
Athens, AL 35612  
Phone: 256-232-4200  
Contact: Martha Jo Leonard, Executive Director

Riverbend Community Foundation  
635 West College Street  
Florence, AL 35630  
Phone: 256-764-3431  
Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation  
Shelby Baptist Medical Center  
1000 First Street N.  
Alabaster, AL 35007  
Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737  
Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990  
251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax  
Contact: Linnette Clausman, Finance Officer  
Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation

P.O. Box 1422  
Dothan, AL 36302-1422  
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627  
Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director  
Website: [www.sacinfo.org](http://www.sacinfo.org)

Community Foundation of West Alabama  
P.O. Box 3033  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813  
Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director  
E-mail: [CFOWA@bellsouth.net](mailto:CFOWA@bellsouth.net)  
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 171  
Jasper, AL 35502-0171  
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424  
Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director  
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>